



Ronald A. Kelemen

December 31, 1949 - September 28, 2018

Ronald A. Kelemen, 68, of Charleston passed away Friday, September 28, 2018 at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

He was born in Charleston to the late Alex and Evelyn Griffith Kelemen.

Ron was a volunteer and advised with “Thanks! Since 2010, when the Rosie the Riveter Park was unveiled. He was a Vietnam veteran (Hospital Corpsman) who helps “Thanks! Include veterans in “Rosie work”. He holds a B.A. degree from Marshall University and a M. A. degree from San Diego State University, both in sociology. He worked for the state of West Virginia in protection of the elderly, children and disadvantaged adults. His interests include American modern history and world history. He was a graduate from Marsh Fork High School.

Surviving are his sister, Judith Lynch and brother, Bob Kelemen (Linda) all of Winston-Salem, NC. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews; Mike, Bill, Tim, Jon, Lori, Steve, Matthews and David; great nephews and nieces, Morgan, Ava, Julie, Jessica, Andrew, Elek, Ryan and Alexis; great great nephews, Hunter and Beau.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Monday, October 1, 2018 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 10 to 11:00 am prior to the memorial service at the funeral home

You may visit Ronald's Tribute page at chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Kelemen family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 1:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald A. Kelemen*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Thanks to all of you for your kind words, thoughts and memories of my brother. The thought of Ron leaving before me was and had never been something that I possessed until his battle with cancer. My memories of Ron are deep and will always be with me forever. Among all of my memories, the memories of us, our sisters, mom and dad during our younger years are foremost, but to me, Ron's last months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds will never be lost. Ron suffered beyond my belief during his last days and hours. I would like to publicly thank the CAMC Cancer Center, the Charleston Memorial Hospital and Hospice for every thing and all of their efforts to a rid Ron of cancer, his pain and agony. All of them did the best that they could do to keep Ron here with us. Now that he is in the hands of the Lord, I will always know he is with me.*
Bob

Robert C. Kelemen - October 02, 2018 at 12:45 PM



My brother Has said my sentiments exactly. Thank God for all the help he received and those that are still sending a memory. We will miss him so very much but to know that he is with God helps our souls too. Good=by my little brother, we will always think of you and love you. You are in our hearts forever. Judy

Judy Lynch - October 03, 2018 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ I never had the pleasure to meet you personally Ron, but I have seen and heard of the many good things you gave us during your life on Earth. I thank you for all. You and I are brothers, both retired from the Navy and both appreciative of our time spent at sea and the joy of seeing God's wonderful creation. You have earned your place on the other side. Fair winds and following seas. Rest In Peace. Very respectfully, Captain John W. Bonnett, USN (ret.).

John W. Bonnett - October 02, 2018 at 09:17 AM

DW

“ My sincere condolences to Ron's family. I am not one of the fortunate ones who knew Ron personally, but I feel as though I had. His friend and neighbor, Anne Montague had so many nice things to say about Ron and his loving and caring character. As a Vietnam veteran, Ron holds a special place in my heart. Rest in peace, Ron. You are now in a better place !

*Tim Wilson
Brunswick, Maryland*

D. T. Wilson - October 01, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Ronald A. Kelemen, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Veteran, Ronald A. Kelemen, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

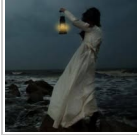
Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 01, 2018 at 05:32 AM



“ *Ron was a great man. He was reserved but when he spoke he was very gentle. He would always say hello and ask how I was doing. His suffering is now over. He will truly be missed.*



Nicholas Withrow - October 01, 2018 at 12:47 AM



“ *Ron, in his prime. I miss you Mr. Kelemen.*



Pariyahu Sanger-Wales - September 30, 2018 at 06:02 PM

MB

“ *My most sincere condolences to the Kelemen family of Ron's passing. He came from good people! The Bulldog Nation mourns with you.-- Mike Brown, MFHS '60*

Mike Brown - September 30, 2018 at 04:24 PM

SB

“ *Judy and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! I'm so sorry.
Shelba Lonker Bradford*

Shelba Lonker Bradford - September 30, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ Mr. Kelemen was kind enough to let me do for him what was no longer possible for me to feel comfortable doing for my own parents. He spent his last three years attending funerals of various friends and acquaintances, going to St. Albans to sit with a dying friend, frequently driving to "Marmet" on the weekends to visit relatives, and enjoying his weekly Sunday brunch with Ann Montague, his close friend and associate. Otherwise, it seemed to me he was largely engaged in "CSI" and being abused by various people in the medical and pharmaceutical industries. Mr. Kelemen loved "cross" word puzzles, doublespeak, being deliberately vague and ambiguous, and seeing how small he could write things and have them still be legible (under a magnifying glass). In spite of my criticism, he regularly had fast food lunches, always with a diet Pepsi, and smoked Pall Mall cigarettes until the ambulance came to take him to the hospital for the last time. One of the last things he said to me was "I WANT A NEWSPAPER" . His favorite (only) swear word was "shit", which he used frequently; when he could, when he couldn't, when he was being one, or when someone else was being one. He was an avid book collector, and I always felt that Bernie Sanders library was probably remarkably similar to his own. Mr. Kelemen admirably drove a hybrid vehicle, and made monthly monetary donations to several charity organizations. He enjoyed watching Anthony Bourdain, RT, and Jeopardy , and was a Marshall fan. Mr. Kelemen helped me by letting me help him, I viewed him as a loving and occasionally grumpy uncle, but sometimes, he was more like a father. I miss him, but am relieved that he is no longer suffering from the indignities various people in the medical industry visited on him. My condolences to the family. I miss you Mr. Kelemen.

Pariyahu Sanger-Wales - September 30, 2018 at 03:32 PM

LA

“ Ronnie was a childhood friend. Attended many Scout meetings & camps with him. He was a year ahead in High School & I never heard a bad word from him. He was one of the good guys.....Lynn Halstead

LAH - September 30, 2018 at 03:28 PM

DC

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear of Ronald's passing We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Dee and Kay

david cantley - September 30, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald A. Kelemen.



September 30, 2018 at 11:49 AM

AM

“ Ron was a “salt of the earth person” – truly caring, never pretending, experienced in life, accepting of others, and dedicated to his family. He never wanted credit, but he was always there. In his quiet and, sometimes distant, way, he made a great difference in my life and in the work I am dedicated to, which I hope will help people appreciate our blessings.

Now that his suffering is over and he is “on the other side” he will continue to be someone many will look up to as a truly fine person.

Anne Montague - September 29, 2018 at 04:21 PM